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CLE Materials

Advanced Family Law Course 2010
LIVE San Antonio | Marriott Rivercenter | August 9-12, 2010

Wednesday (continued)

TRACK THREE
8:00 **Child Abuse & Neglect Workshop**
8.5 hours including 2.5 ethics
8:05 Announcements
8:30 **Representing the Parent in CPS Cases**
CPS Cases 1 hr
9:00 **Percentage Testing and Child Support in CPS Cases** 1 hr
9:15 **Constitutional Rights of Children**
1 hr ethics
9:30 Break
9:45 **Jury Charges Beyond the Rubric**
1 hr
10:00 **Legal Restrictions of Emotional Abuse** 1 hr
10:15 **Representing the Best Interest of Children in Foster Care**
1 hr
10:30 Lunch on your own
10:45 **Permanency and Eligibility: Financial Benefits in the Child Welfare System**
1 hr
11:00 **Mitigation in CPS Cases: Ethical Considerations** 1 hr
11:15 **Protect Children and Their Attorneys: All Other Resources for Children in Care** 1 hr
11:30 Break
11:45 **Case Law Update** 1 hr
12:00 **What Do You Do with a 262.405 hearing?** 1 hr ethics
12:15 Adjourn

Thursday

VOLUME 3

TRACK ONE
8:00 **Valuation of Property**
3 hours including 2.5 ethics
8:05 Announcements
8:30 Panel Discussion
9:00 Break
9:15 Panel Discussion - cont'd
9:30 Adjourn

TRACK TWO
8:00 **Sharpening Your Jury Skills**
3 hours including 2.5 ethics
8:05 Announcements
8:30 Panel Discussion
9:00 Break
9:15 Panel Discussion - cont'd
9:30 Adjourn

TRACK THREE
8:00 **Characterization and Tracing**
3 hours including 2.5 ethics
8:05 Announcements
8:30 Panel Discussion
9:00 Break
9:15 Panel Discussion - cont'd
9:30 Adjourn

TRACK FOUR
8:00 **Appellate**
3 hours including 2.5 ethics
8:05 Announcements
8:30 Panel Discussion
9:00 Break
9:15 Panel Discussion - cont'd
9:30 Adjourn

TRACK FIVE
8:00 **Collaborative Law**
3 hours including 2.5 ethics
8:05 Announcements
8:30 Panel Discussion
9:00 Break
9:15 Panel Discussion - cont'd
9:30 Adjourn

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Wednesday

VOLUME 2

TRACK ONE
8:00 **Property/Divorce**
6.5 hours including 2.5 ethics
8:05 Announcements
8:30 **The New Reimbursement Statute: The Return of Common Law?** 1 hr
9:00 **Proving Separate Property** 1 hr
9:15 **Making the Case for Spousal Maintenance** 1 hr
9:30 Break
9:45 **Paternal Duties: Conflicts and Overlaps** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
10:00 **Effective Uses of Financial Advisors in Family Law Cases** 1 hr
10:15 **Representing the Unrepresented Client with Assets** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
10:30 Lunch on your own - OR
10:45 **Preparing for the Board Certification Exam (1.5 hours)**
11:00 **The Strategic Frozen Egg and Sperm** 1 hr
11:15 **Property Division in a Depressed Economy** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
11:30 **Collaboration and Economic Partnership Agreements** 1 hr
11:45 Break
12:00 **Enforcing the Property Division** 1 hr
12:15 **Splitting the Property Case as a Discretionary** 1 hr
12:30 **Tracking Issues of Characterization, Valuation and Division** 1 hr
12:45 Adjourn

TRACK TWO
8:00 **SAPCR**
6.5 hours including 2.5 ethics
8:05 Announcements
8:30 **Proving Custody: Adversity and Drafting** 1 hr
8:45 **The Child's Voice in Court: In Camera Interviews and Child Hearings** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
9:00 **Collecting Child Support** 1 hr
9:15 Break
9:30 **Creative Approaches to Child Support** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
9:45 **Representing Relatives** 1 hr
10:00 **Innovations in Substance Abuse Training** 1 hr
10:15 Lunch on your own - OR
10:30 **Preparing for the Board Certification Exam (1.5 hours)**
10:45 **Trying the SAPCR Case as a Discretionary** 1 hr
11:00 **Child Support for Children with Disabilities** 1 hr
11:15 **The Monthly Income Payment** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
11:30 Break
11:45 **Selected Issues in Paternity and Termination** 1 hr
12:00 **SAPCR's for Same Sex Partners** 1 hr
12:15 **Visitation Under Threat** 1 hr
12:30 Adjourn

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Monday

VOLUME 1

6:30 hours including 1.5 ethics
7:30 Registration
8:15 Welcoming Remarks
8:30 **Professionalism: It May Be a Long Hard Climb to the Top, but Worth What a View** 1 hr ethics
9:00 **Property Case Law Update** 1 hr
9:15 Break
9:30 **When is a Residence Really a Residence?** 1 hr
9:45 **The Art of Negotiation** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
10:00 **Family Violence: Protective Orders, Collateral Consequences - Civil and Criminal** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
10:15 Lunch on your own
10:30 **Obtaining and Enforcing Discovery from Third Parties** 1 hr
10:45 **Effective and Efficient Case Presentation** 1 hr
11:00 **Expert Witnesses: Pitfalls and Warnings** 1 hr
11:15 Break
11:30 **Interstate and Foreign Discovery** 1 hr
11:45 **Spoliation of Evidence: How to Discover It and Address It** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
12:00 **Computer Forensics in Family Law Cases** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
12:15 Adjourn

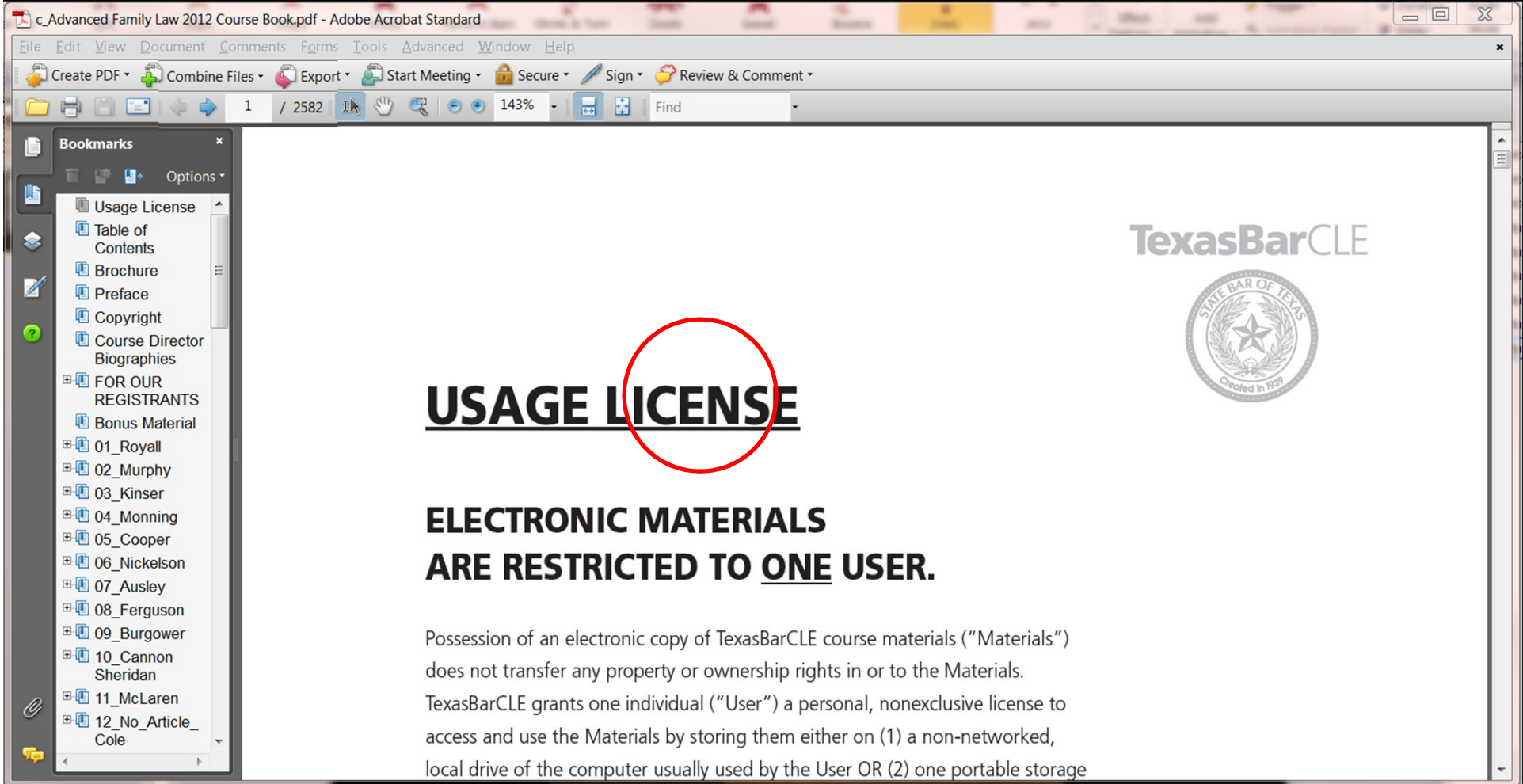
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6:30 hours including 1.5 ethics
6:45 hours (with 1.5 ethics) (12:15 presentation)
8:00 **Announcements**
8:15 **I Didn't Go to Law School to Check Boxes and Fill in the Blanks: Creative Advocacy** 1 hr
8:30 **SAPCR Case Law Update** 1 hr
8:45 Break
9:00 **Agreements Between Counsel and Parties: Rule 11, Stipulations, Waivers and Informal Settlement Agreements** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
9:15 **Financial Crisis: Selected Issues in Bankruptcy** 1 hr
9:30 **Adoption: Does it Have a Place in Family Law?** 1 hr
9:45 Lunch on your own - OR
10:00 **More Money, Less Stress: Law Office Management and Technology** 1 hr
10:15 **The Art of Persuasive Speaking** 1 hr
10:30 **Family Law Cases Involving Foreign Nationals** 1 hr
10:45 **The Grievous Procedure and New Disciplinary Rules** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
11:00 Break
11:15 **Appellate Fungary: Actions You Can Take During Appeal and After Remand** 1 hr
11:30 **Lawful in the Quilt** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
11:45 **Surviving Law and Wellness: Modern Strategies for Lawyers Dealing With Anxiety, Addiction and Depression** 1 hr (2.5 ethics)
12:00 Adjourn

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- Two years of State Bar of Texas Family Law Section Reports
- Interesting Cases distributed at CLE's the last 2 years
- All the recent legislative changes
- All the outlines created by me and my study partners
- CLE papers relating to tax, evidence, business, probate, criminal and other areas outside of family law that intersects with family law

I mostly outlined from the Family Law Handbook because it combines the statutes and case law in one place with explanation. In hindsight, I think this was helpful and the next thing would have been to read ALL the CLE papers if possible because several things on the test came directly from information in CLE papers. I definitely recommend starting earlier than I did if you can because then you really have time to read and absorb everything. A few weeks before the test I realized it was not possible for me to reach everything I needed to read, and I considered waiting until the next year to take the test since once you're approved to sit for the exam you can take it this year or next year. But in the end I decided to "take it for practice," because I figured if I didn't pass the first time, the next time I'd know how to better focus my studies and be in better position to pass the second time; and there was also the possibility I might surprise myself and pass. I was very fortunate that I did pass it the first time, but I know many board certified attorneys who have taken the test more than once and there is no

deadlines were met. Turn your mind back to a law school exam. The essay portion of the exam isn't necessarily looking for one right answer. There could be more than one answer, so state that and then "discuss." Explain why one law might apply or how another one might trump it. Once I started thinking like a law student, it was easier for me to study and understand what they are looking for on the test. Familiarize yourself with the most recent legislative updates and caselaw so you can discuss that in your answers.

I went to Austin the weekend before the exam. I flew down on Saturday with one of my study partners, and we shared a room at a lower cost hotel Saturday night. Then Sunday we moved to the hotel next to where the exam would be held Monday morning. We got our own rooms for Sunday night which turned out to be a good idea because she was an early morning person and I'm a late night person. We spent the weekend mostly studying separately and getting together for meals and to ask each other questions about an area of the law we were still trying to master. Contrary to what I would normally do, I kept the tv and music off, kept the room quiet and focused on studying. A friend of mine said she listened to Mozart all weekend and she felt it opened her mind to learning and helped her study better. I drank hot tea, ate healthy snacks and went to bed early so I was fresh and ready to focus the morning of the exam.

If you choose to take the exam on a laptop, they will send you information prior to the test to sign up for the software. You must sign up by a deadline approximately 10 days before the test. Once the software is on your computer, you can

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Preparing For The Board Certification Exam

Exam Day

My first strategy for the exam was to stick to strict time deadlines for each question and budget my time so I didn't leave any questions blank. If you don't answer a question you don't get any points. It's simple, but I've known people who didn't pass because they ran out of time, so sticking to self-imposed time deadlines is essential. If there's time later you can always go back and add more answers to a difficult question on the essay portion, or think about an answer on the multiple choice portion. I answered the best I could and moved on. The morning of the exam consisted of 3 essay questions with numerous sub questions and we had 3 hours to complete this part. I allotted 1 hour per question and that worked well for me. I was in a room full of testers using laptops and every single person in the room typed until the second we were told to stop. We had a break for lunch and most of us were able to eat at the hotel restaurant with plenty of time before the afternoon session. The afternoon session was 100 multiple choice questions and you have 3 hours to answer. It seems almost everyone finished this portion with plenty of time to spare. Many were finished at least an hour early. I thought this would be the most difficult portion for me, but it turned out I either knew the answer or I didn't. Fortunately, on most of the questions I felt like I knew the answer. I had plenty of time to go back and consider the questions I didn't know. That being said, if you don't know a multiple choice answer, don't spend a lot of time on it until you've answered all the questions to which you do know the answer. Again, you can't get the point if you don't answer the question and 1 multiple choice question isn't worth getting right if you don't get points for the questions you don't get to answer. If you think there's more than one answer, or no right answer, put some notes in the margins as to what you think the answer should be.

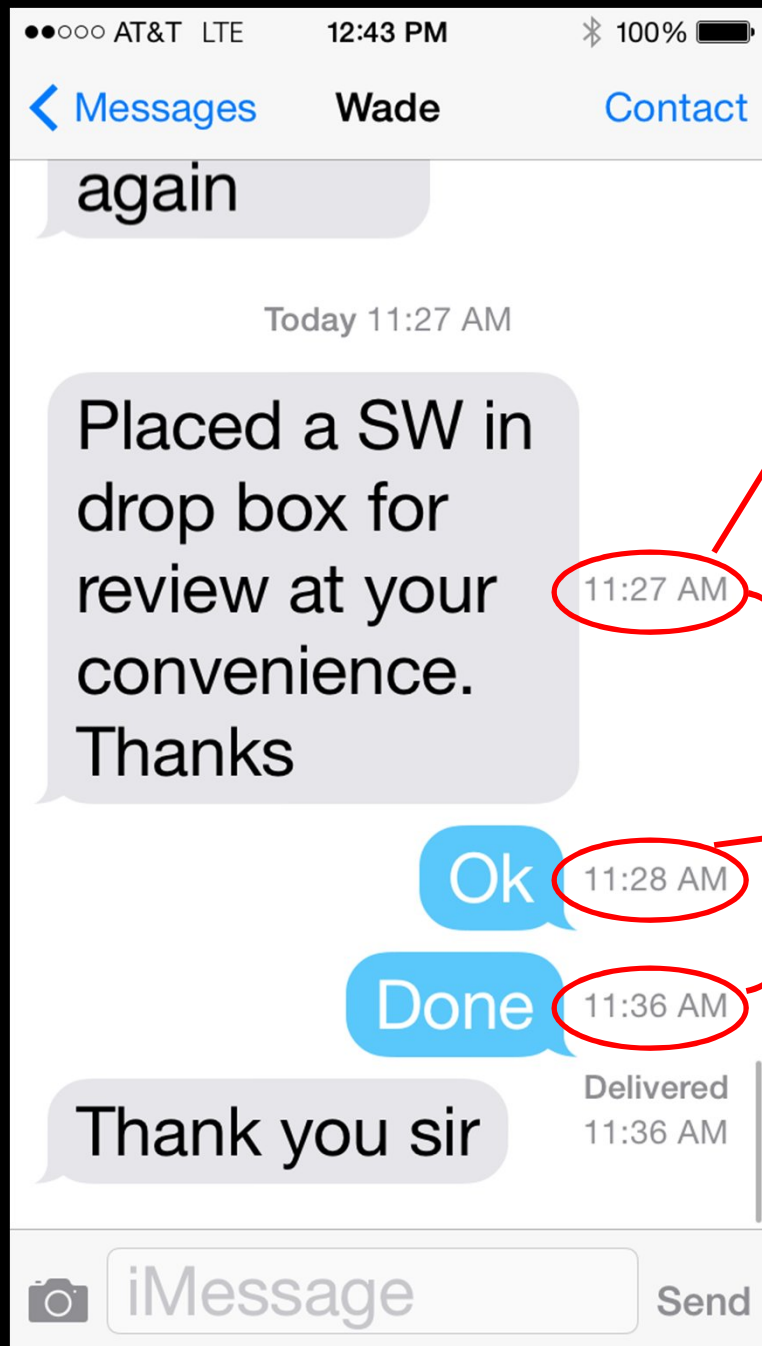
The second strategy was to issue spot. We were told that there is an automatic re-grade if you are within 2 percent of passing. If it's a re-grade, the graders may go back and look at any hand-written notes on your exam so they can see what you were thinking with your answers. So, in case anyone ever went back to look at my notes, and so I wouldn't forget to mention

Annotations

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an email letting us know the results would not be for another few weeks. After the test, I had no idea how I did. I felt challenged. I felt I gave good answers to difficult questions, but wasn't sure if all my answers were right. I decided to wait, but not worry because it was out of my hands at that point. It's similar to the bar exam, where if you think you did great when you walk out of there, then you probably missed something. The upside to this exam is your entire career isn't contingent on it like it is with the Bar Exam. This test is challenging but if you take it seriously and focus your studies on the CLE papers, the changes in the law, the other areas of law that cross family law, trial skills, and the basics of the areas listed in the TBLS Exam Specifications, you will be in good shape. Good luck!



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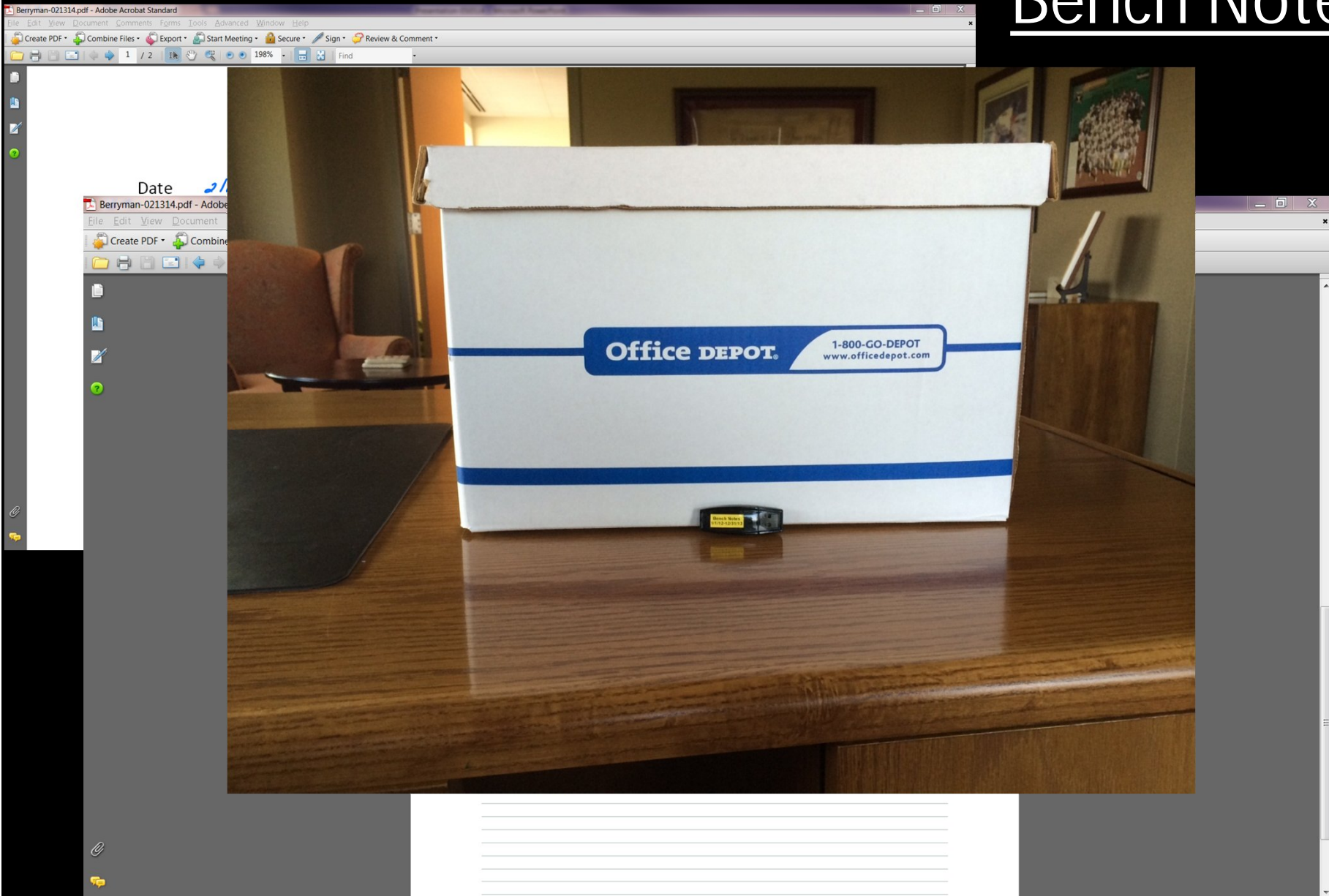
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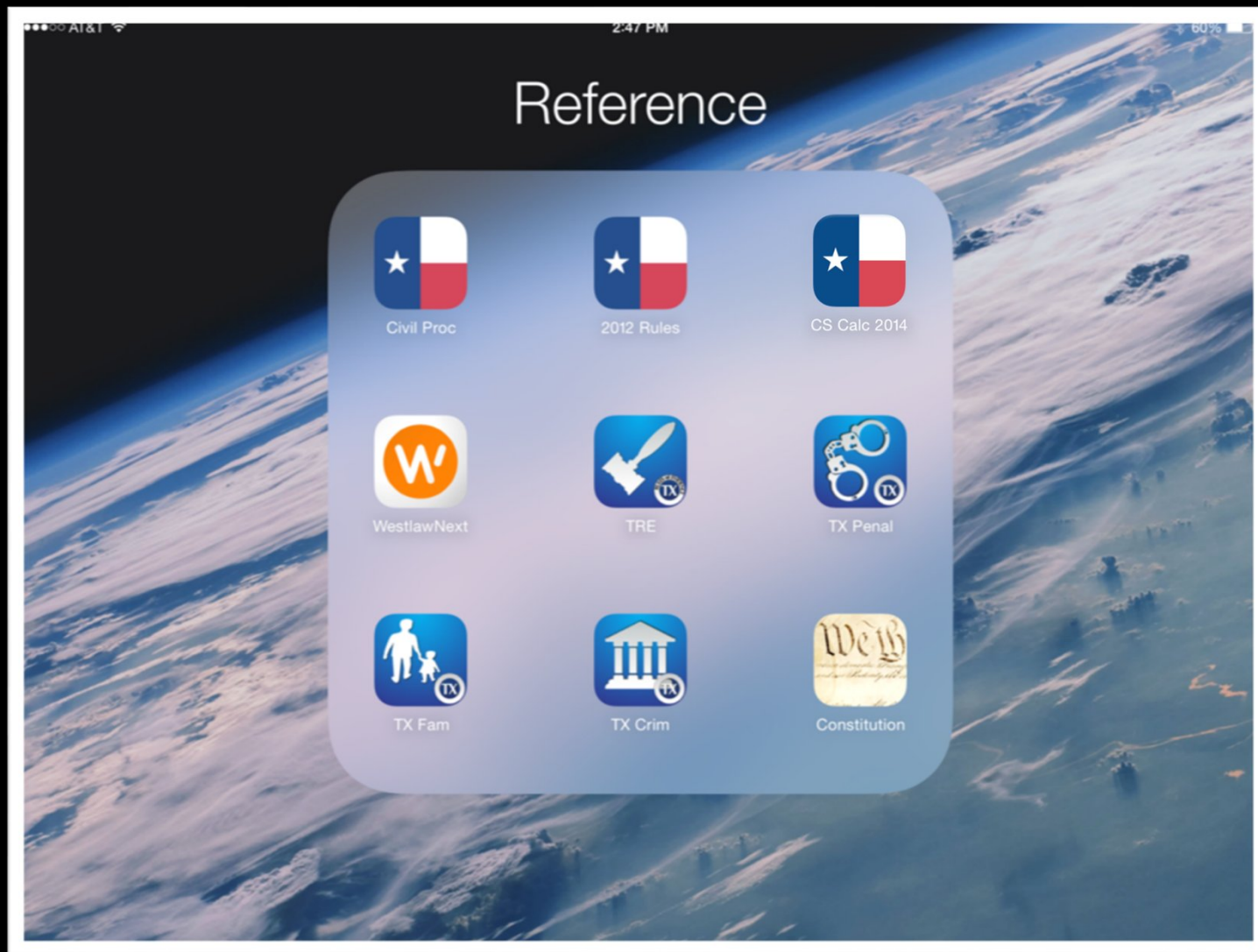
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Self-employed? ☒ No ☐ Yes

Children before court

Other children court ordered to support

Pay period ☒ Yearly ☐ Monthly ☐ 2X Mo. ☐ 2 Weeks ☐ Weekly

Minimum Wage? ☒ No ☐ Yes

Gross income \$

Health insurance for children \$

Mandatory retirement when no soc sec \$

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Legal Research

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Rule 194. Requests for **Disclosure** (Refs & Annos)

TX Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 194.2

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A party may request **disclosure** of any or all of the following:

- (a) the correct names of the parties to the lawsuit;
- (b) the name, address, and telephone number of any potential parties;
- (c) the legal theories and, in general, the factual bases of the responding party's claims or defenses (the responding party need not marshal all evidence that may be offered at trial);
- (d) the amount and any method of calculating economic damages;
- (e) the name, address, and telephone number of persons having knowledge of relevant facts, and a brief statement of each identified person's connection with the **case**;

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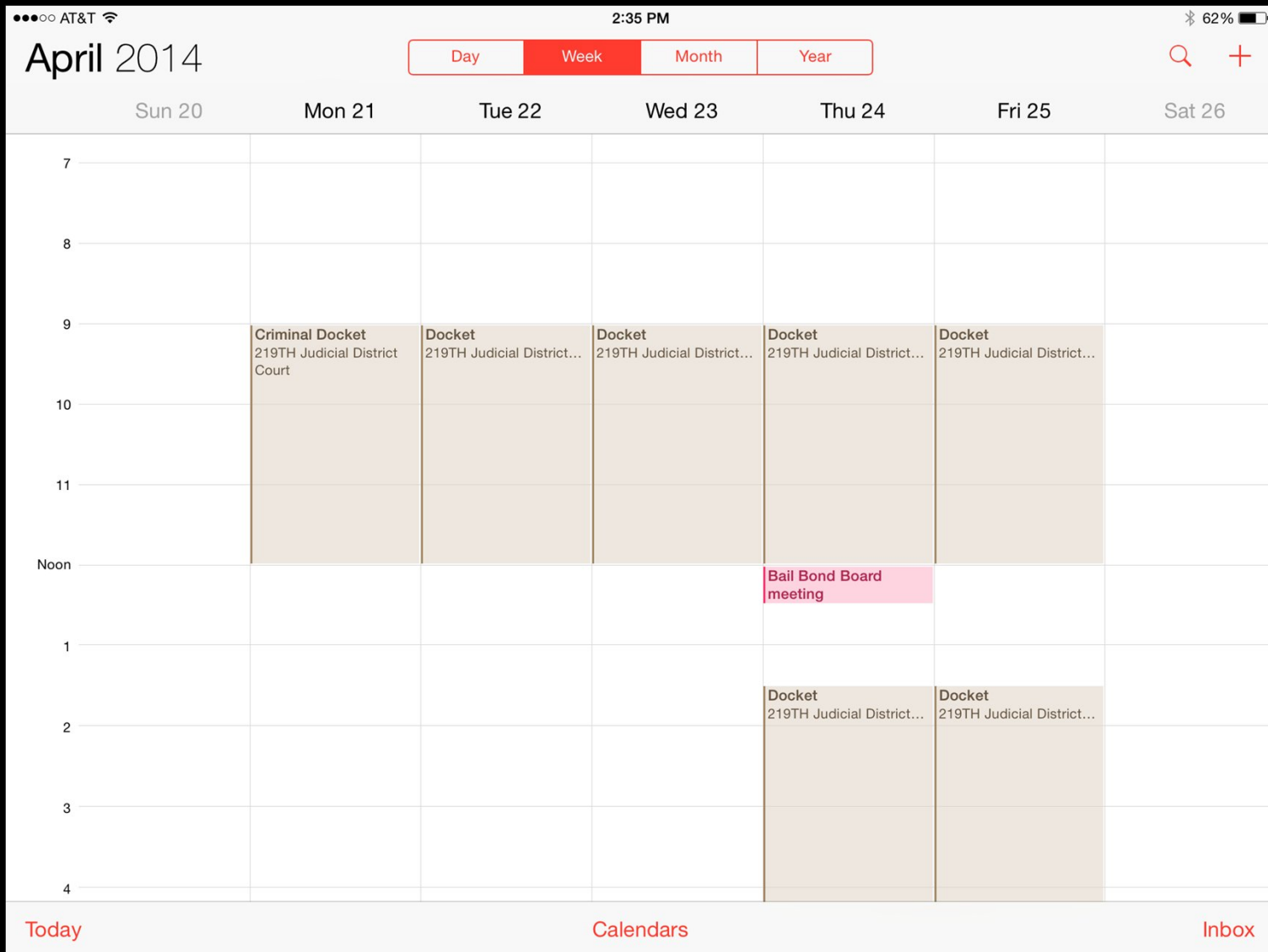
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